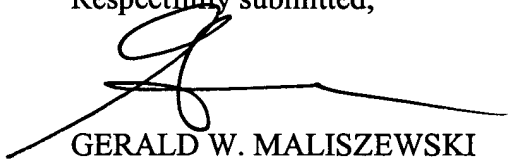## REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in advance of the first examination of the subject application in order to correct typographical errors and insert the serial numbers and filing dates of the related applications. No new matter has been entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application contains material related to the following commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications, which were concurrently filed with this application, and are hereby incorporated by reference:

Serial No. 09/745,655, [_____] filed 22 December 2000 [_____] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING THE VALUE OF FRAME SYNCHRONIZATION WORDS IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/747,380, [_____] filed 22 December 2000 [_____] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING THE BIT ERROR RATE OF FRAME SYNCHRONIZATION WORDS IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/746,152, [_____] filed 22 December 2000 [_____] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING THE QUANTITY OF FRAME SYNCHRONIZATION WORDS IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/745,793, [_____] filed 22 December 2000 [_____] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY BROADCASTING A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/747,072,[_____] filed 22 December 2000 [_____] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING LOSS OF SYNCHRONIZATION IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

Serial No. <u>09/745,774,</u> [_____] filed <u>22 December 2000</u>

[_____] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING SYNCHRONIZATION CRITERIA IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

Serial No. <u>09/746,159,</u>[_____] filed <u>22 December 2000</u>

[_____] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSLATING OVERHEAD BYTES IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/527,343, filed 17 March 2000 for "TRANSPOSABLE FRAME SYNCHRONIZATION STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/528,021, filed 17 March 2000 for "PROGRAMMABLE SYNCHRONIZATION STRUCTURE WITH AUXILIARY DATA LINK"